



## Proclamation

### National Senior Citizens Day 2026

**WHEREAS**, National Senior Citizens Day is observed each year on August 21 to recognize the invaluable contributions of older adults and to honor the wisdom, experience, and dedication they bring to our families, neighborhoods, workplaces, and community; and

**WHEREAS**, older adults have helped to shape our community through their leadership, civic engagement, mentorship, and caregiving. By sharing their knowledge, traditions, and life experiences, they preserve our collective history, inspire future generations, and enrich the social fabric of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, our older adults deserve to live in a community where they have equitable access to safe and affordable housing, reliable transportation, quality healthcare, technology, recreation, and community resources, empowering them to live with independence and purpose while remaining active and valued members of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Joliet Township Government is committed to supporting our older residents through a variety of programs and services, including transportation, the medical loan closet, general assistance, support from our devoted Senior Liaison, and funding for community senior groups to foster meaningful opportunities for social connection and involvement with their peers; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing and investing in older adults is an investment in stronger families, a healthier community, and a more inclusive future where every person is valued for their experiences, contributions, and potential, regardless of age. Because communities are strongest when people of every generation have opportunities to learn from one another and develop mutual understanding and relationships that reduce isolation and build a sense of belonging; and

**WHEREAS**, National Senior Citizens Day provides an opportunity to express gratitude to the older adults in our lives, strengthen intergenerational connections, and recognize the inherent dignity and worth of every stage of life; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Joliet Township Government Board hereby proclaims August 21, 2026, as National Senior Citizens Day in Joliet Township and encourages all residents to honor and celebrate the achievements, resilience, and ongoing contributions of older adults while reaffirming our shared responsibility to build an inclusive community where every person can age with dignity, security, opportunity, and respect.

**ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August of 2026.